

Hay Stocks



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Oregon

Hay stocks were estimated at 1.8 million tons on December 1, 2005. This is a 25 percent decrease from the December 1, 2004 estimate of 2.4 million tons. Disappearance of hay from May 2005 – December 2005 totaled 1.7 million tons, similar to the 1.6 million tons for the same period a year ago.

United States

Stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 105 million tons on December 1, 2005, down 8 percent from a year ago. Disappearance of hay from May 2005 - December 2005 totaled 73.3 million tons, compared to 69.7 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Compared to December 1, 2004, hay stocks decreased in most of the Corn Belt and southern Great Plains States. In many of these States, drought conditions during the summer months resulted in increased supplemental feeding of hay. Meanwhile, stocks increased compared to last year in most of the northern Great Plains States as above average rainfall and warm temperatures allowed farmers to get multiple cuttings of hay and provided good pasture and grazing conditions.

Hay: Stocks on farms, selected states and United States December 1 and May 1, 2003-2005

State	December 1			May 1	
	2003	2004 ¹	2005	2004	2005 ¹
Idaho	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons
Idaho	2,772	2,782	2,260	445	535
Oregon	2,357	2,366	1,790	371	362
Washington	1,620	1,560	1,475	470	322
United States	111,027	114,516	105,056	25,947	27,758

¹ Revised.

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